

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

No

I-284-001 Statistics were given, but not really relevant and specific to our area as far as purpose, cost, path, long range effects, farmers losses, need in this area, need in areas all along the line route, other options, smaller less obtrusive energy sources in more distant self-sufficient places.

It sounded like they had a plan, didn't care who or what it hurt, they were going to do it, & make their profit from it. Statistics can prove anything you want them to, lots of words can be used and not really say anything important.

People, nature, prime farm land, towns, should all be considered not just some company's greed and thoughtless whims.

I-284-002 Routes by existing power lines should be looked into - or some place other than prime farm land & beautiful landscapes - --- if they insist on line transmissions.

Please tell us how to reach you.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-284-001

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-284-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture

☒ Residential

☐ Conservation Easement

☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

I am on a farm in Holden Township - see my address. It is a shame to consider transmission lines going near my family farm and that of my neighbors. It is a waste of natural resources and a penalty imposed on small farms that have a difficult time making a living dealing with the delicate balance of cost of seed, chemicals, fuel, and time; mixed with weather; and the health and production of animals, and market values. To have other obstacles like sick or infertile animals, poisons, contamination, or land taken away is a burden that would end the farm.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-284-003

I am concerned about my own health and that of my family and grandchildren. There has not been enough research into the long range effects of the magnetic fields and emissions. Devastating effects have been noted on pacemakers, implants, and more. Life and health are too precious to put into jeopardy.

I-284-004

Electrical appliances + TV will experience interference. Emissions will affect the life of machinery and vehicles. (Consider another burden for farmers)

I-284-005

The natural beauty and clean environment with trees, waterways, wetland, pastures of fields, streams, wildlife, nice natural skylines with beautiful sunrise and sunset scenes are here. Wouldn't it be a shame to destroy this unnecessarily!! - just on some company's greed and thoughtless whim!

I-284-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-284-004

Your comment has been noted. Interference with electrical equipment caused by the transmission lines will be addressed with individual landowners if the problem arises.

I-284-005

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Informational Mtg. - Cannon Falls, MN

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☒ Project Purpose and Need

☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☐ Proximity to residences

☐ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☐ Health and safety

☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

If this project goes through with all the expense and damaging effect - how soon would technology find a better way? What a waste!

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